

wife of over forty years for more than twenty-eight months. While we could spend the remainder of today highlighting Secretary Harvey's achievements neither he nor you would be very appreciative of "the mother of all laundry lists." So I will briefly highlight three broad but interrelated touchstones: People, Resources, and Teamwork.

Dr. Harvey's commitment to people has enabled us to sustain the overall health and viability of our All-Volunteer force—which is now being tested for the first time in a protracted conflict. His actions have enabled us to achieve unprecedented levels of both recruitment and retention. "People are the Army" and we recruit more of them each year than all of the other Services combined. In Fiscal Year 2006 the Active component had its best year in nine years recruiting over 80,000 men and women. The National Guard had its best year in thirteen years recruiting over 69,000 people; finally, the Reserves achieved over a 25 percent increase from the previous year bringing in 25,000 new people.

His accomplishments on behalf of the great people in our organization have been a logical continuation of his voluntary service to the Army as a key member of the Army Science Board while a private citizen over many years.

They include: Improvements which enabled us to meet our goals for recruiting and retaining our All Volunteer force; decisions and support to provide for better access and better management of our vital National Guard and Army Reserve units not as individuals but instead as whole cohesive units fully prepared and ready to perform their duties amidst new challenges; and decisions and support to grow our force—in an extraordinary way—to better meet our needs and to alleviate, over time, current levels of stress on our Soldiers and their families.

We now have dramatic enhancements to "push the envelope" increasing our ability to protect the force. These include considerable improvements affecting all elements of the Department to improve leadership, training, education, and career opportunities for our civilians and our civilian executives and equally impressive improvements in finding ways—to change our culture—to drive out waste and improve both efficiency and effectiveness. In this regard he thought and acted unequivocally like a Soldier.

He was driven by a single unifying purpose: to free human and financial resources for more compelling wartime and operational needs. Properly focusing activity and obtaining resources to enable that activity are core tasks for senior leaders. No one that I have served with in public or private life does it better than Dr. Fran Harvey. Our budgeted dollars for Fiscal 2008, due to his personal efforts, are the highest in our history—which exemplify his leadership in this regard. Working in full collaboration with me and all of "the right people" he quickly established a strategic framework that reflected our most urgent challenges and ongoing initiatives. He then set out in a determined yet pragmatic fashion to obtain the resources required to support our Army to ensure it was fully prepared to serve at the forefront of the war on terror and to execute the full range of its other worldwide missions.

Creating relevant, ready forces is the surest measure of effective Army leadership. Since 2004 sixty-four (64) Brigade Combat Teams have been converted or are in the process of being converted; 148 multifunctional and functional support Brigades have been converted, or are in the process of being converted, to the modular design force.

I won't dwell on numbers. While important they do little to tell this story. I will highlight instead the personal courage and integ-

rity he demonstrated in challenging the bureaucracy, changing perceptions, and setting us on a path to get our resources and our requirements in balance. His leadership proved to be decisive in this regard. Not only did he establish a methodology (demonstrating why he has been so successful in "Corporate America") to explain why our costs have increased in recent years, he also promoted understanding and acceptance at the highest levels of our Government for our most compelling needs. We will rely upon Fran Harvey's example "to do what is right" for many years to come.

He also inspired all of us in the Army to achieve more—in what we do personally . . . and in what we expect to be delivered by others. In this regard . . . two of his deep seated beliefs will remain embedded in the culture which shapes and characterizes our Army: "In the bottom line it's all about 'cost, schedule, and performance' plain and simple and what gets measured gets done."

His efforts have dramatically improved the quality and openness of our working relationships within the Department of Defense and with the many stakeholders upon whom we depend for resources and support. In a word, he is a genuine "team player" who has engendered unprecedented levels of teamwork which will benefit our Soldiers. Our personal working relationship is the result of our mutual decision to operate from the same playbook. And that playbook was based on a couple of key fundamentals. We agreed that the door between our offices would always remain open and that our relationship would be based upon one core belief—that Soldiers would remain the center of all that we do.

Over the past two years we've crossed that threshold that used to be blocked many times a day. Opening the door between our offices not only opened lines of communication, it also enabled progress in three other very important ways: First, as an outgrowth of the extremely close partnership between Secretary Harvey and me we set the tone for a strong civil-military team at the top of the Department. Second, we were unified in our commitment to a single Vision—the Army Vision—that centers, as it must, on the great Soldiers who fill our ranks and the dedicated Army Civilians who support them to generate and sustain our All-Volunteer force. Third, teamwork and a shared vision for the future enabled our entire team to better articulate and defend the Army's most compelling needs.

I'm convinced that these positive developments played a vital role in dramatically changing our current and projected resource posture and ultimately to better provide for our Soldiers and to better accomplish what the Nation demands from its Army. So as we farewell our 19th Secretary I say so long to a visionary, a "true leader" and a teammate with whom I have been enormously proud to serve. He has led the Army to unprecedented levels of civil-military cooperation, fostered open communication, and mutual respect (even in times of disagreement) all in the interest of Soldiers, families, and the Army mission—to conduct prompt, sustained combat and stability operations on land. I have mentioned just a few of the seminal achievements that will endure and continue to bear fruit long after Dr. Harvey departs our ranks today. Selfless leadership is that rare and wonderful commodity of which every nation possesses too little. Its presence is unmistakable, its impact enduring.

We are fortunate to have the continuity of vision and direction that Acting Secretary Geren now represents. Sir, we welcome your leadership and your experience as a Member of Congress and within the office of the Secretary of Defense. We know that you'll lead

and care for our Soldiers and families and that you're going to keep us on course.

Secretary Harvey, Sir, thank you for your service for your friendship and for living the Army Values and for honoring our Warrior Ethos. Because of your leadership we're "Army Strong" and as our song says we'll "keep rolling along." Together we wish you, Mary, Francis, John and the rest of your family Godspeed.

Army Strong!•

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The following enrolled bill, previously signed by the Speaker of the House, was signed today, April 12, 2007, by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

S. 1002. An act to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to reinstate certain provisions relating to the nutrition services incentive programs.

ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on April 12, 2007, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 1002. An act to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to reinstate certain provisions relating to the nutrition services incentive programs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1434. A communication from the Administrator, Livestock and Seed Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Soybean Promotion and Research: Qualified State Soybean Boards; Correcting Amendment" received April 4, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1435. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the release of General Peter J. Shoomaker, United States Army, from active duty and his return to the Retired List as of April 10, 2007; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1436. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of Defense, transmitting, the report of several legislative proposals relative to the National Defense Authorization Bill for fiscal year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1437. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to activities and assistance provided under Cooperative Threat Reduction Programs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1438. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's compliance with certain requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1439. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration,